

eligible for this first full examination, provided the schools from which they have graduated are registered with the Regents.

The full examinations will be both practical and theoretical: the practical will consist of demonstrations by which means the nurses will show their manual skill; the written examinations will include elementary bacteriology, elementary *Materia Medica*, and anatomy and physiology; diet cooking, medical nursing including contagious nursing, surgical including gynecological nursing, nursing in diseases of children, with obstetrical nursing for women applicants, and for men genito-urinary nursing.

Nurses who are eligible for either of these examinations should write at once to the Education Department, Albany, N. Y. for the necessary papers.

We shall discuss at some length in an early number the subject of the affiliation of large, small and special hospitals in New York State. We find that such affiliations are being entered into to a much greater extent than we had realized, and that the influence of the New York law is becoming more and more widely extended.

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### DO WE NEED HIS CHARITY

SIR HENRY BURDETT is over here again agitating the question of a pension fund which he offers to manage if some one else will find the money. Having failed to interest nurses in his scheme when he came to this country some ten years or so ago, he has now made his appeal to the doctors who he seems to think are interested in providing old age pensions for nurses.

There is no question but that nurses need to consider seriously the question of provision for old age but until we can get up energy enough to make such provision for ourselves, let us each in turn retire gracefully to the poor-house rather than permit an outsider to come over here and manage such pensions for us, and especially an Englishman who is not over popular with the more intelligent nurses of his own country.

American nurses are not to be deluded by flattery; they know their own worth and they know whom they have to thank for the progress that has been made in nursing the world over, and while a man like Sir Henry Burdett may gather around him a small following, the independent, self-respecting American nurse will not be deceived as to the true motives of his visit to this country.

We want to remind the nurses of the United States that Sir Henry Burdett is the Editor of "*The Hospital*," a magazine in England having

a nursing department which has maintained for years a steady opposition to every plan that the nurses of England have attempted to carry out for their own independent life, and for higher standards of nursing education.

### OUR NEW COLLABORATORS

OUR list of Collaborators is now complete and we give the names of those who have signified their willingness to work for the JOURNAL's literary and professional advancement.

With such a staff of collaborators as we now have enrolled the JOURNAL cannot fail to become more interesting to our readers and its field of usefulness be widely extended.

We have requested the entire staff to make a special effort this year to secure notes and papers from private nurses which shall show the result of their own practical experience. We want it to be clearly understood that papers written by nurses are always given first consideration in our pages and that we prefer articles written by nurses before all others.

The following are the names of the new members of the staff:

MISS MATILDA L. JOHNSON superintendent of nurses of the visiting nurse association of Cleveland, Ohio. She is a graduate of St. Luke's hospital of Chicago, and is one of the active workers for state registration in Ohio.

MISS LOUISE CRAFT BOYD a graduate of the training-school for nurses connected with the county hospital of Denver, Colorado. She has held institution positions and has also done private work. She has been one of the leading spirits for state registration acting as the secretary for the Colorado state nurses' association and since the law was passed has been secretary of the nurse board of examiners.

MRS. E. G. FOURNIER is also one of the leading workers for state registration in Indiana, being the president of the state association and a member of the board of examiners. She is the superintendent of Hope Hospital at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MISS FRANCES M. QUAIFFE is a graduate of the New York Hospital and has held the position as superintendent of the Touro Infirmary at New Orleans for the past nine years. She has also been active in state registration work.

MISS MARIE R. JAMMIE is the superintendent of the visiting nurses' association of Minneapolis, Minn. She is a Johns Hopkins graduate and lives with her family in Minneapolis.